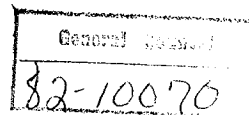


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Office of the General Counsel
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Dear Sir:

I was contacted by Attorney Edward Hellerman who represents Howard Blum, author of "Wanted: The Search for Nazis in America." Blum is being sued for libel for alleging that Tscherim Soobzokov was an S.S. officer who later worked for the CIA. Attorney Hellerman has advised me that Soobzokov has testified under oath at a deposition that he never had any relationship with your agency. I told Mr. Hellerman that I could not comment on the matter because of my past relationship with the Justice Department.

As you know, Mr. Soobzokov's relationship is ordinarily not disclosable for legitimate reasons of national security. On the other hand, as an officer of the court, I have an ethical responsibility, under ordinary circumstances, to inform the court that the plaintiff is committing perjury and perpetrating a fraud upon the court by continuing his libel suit. I will leave it up to you to decide what to tell the Judge. As attorneys for the CIA, you are in a much better position to weigh security interests against ethical responsibilities. Unless you desire otherwise, I shall have nothing more to do with this.

Sincerely,

John Loftus

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